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Morton Grove Public Library

Making Library Wish List, Checking It Twice

During this gift-giving season, why not put the public library on your list? The Library benefits year-round from gifts of all sizes. Most gifts are earmarked for books, but we've been polling the staff to see what what items they think would improve Library service and found several non-book items on our wish list. Maybe you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution toward some of the following items: computer projection panel, piano, color printer, wooden book trucks, auditorium sound system, CD player, tape deck, Macintosh CD-ROM drive, globe, scanner, video projector.

Recently, former Library trustee Mary Ellen Cohon donated money to the Children's Room in honor of her mother Hazel Brown, the first children's librarian in Morton Grove. "My mother loved being a children's librarian," said Mrs. Cohon, whose daughter also made a donation. "We asked the librarians to buy classic children's books." Donations like this mean many children can enjoy more materials.

Cyberspace, CD-ROMs and Computer Expand Library's Capabilities

Library Adds Internet Home Page, CD-ROM collection, New Public PC

MGPL Joins the Internet

The Morton Grove Public Library recently "opened" its own World Wide Web site on the Internet. Called **ORRS on the Web**, it is an extension of ORRS (Online Ready Reference System), the Library's in-house reference database. In addition to more than 100 links to other useful and interesting Web sites around the country, ORRS on the Web also includes extensive information about the Library, such as the monthly events calendar and list of magazine subscriptions. Reference information such as addresses and phone numbers for federal, state and local government officials is also available.

ORRS on the Web can be accessed through the Web browser function of commercial online services such as America Online, Compuserve and Prodigy. Or, if you have a direct or dial-up Internet connection (from your employer, university or an Internet services provider), you can use a Web browser such as Netscape or Mosaic. The address (URL) for the ORRS on the Web home page is:

http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/

CD-ROMs Open New Worlds of Information

Explore the universe or pick apart Beethoven's Symphony No. 9. Locate an old friend in 83 million yellow/white page listings or jazz up your report with one of 12,000 clip art images.

You can do all of these things with the new CD-ROM collection at MGPL. (See list at right.) Most of the CD-ROMs are in both Windows/MPC and Macintosh formats.

Morton Grove residents are welcome to check out two CD-ROMs at a time for a two-week loan.

Try the New Public PC

A Windows PC and printer have been added to the Library's collection of computers available for public use (in addition to the Apple II and Macintosh). Two full-featured word processors are available, WordPerfect and Microsoft Word. A third program, ClarisWorks, includes a simpler word processor, plus spreadsheet, database and drawing modules.

Computer time can be reserved up to two days in advance by calling the Reader's Service desk, (708) 965-4220 (TDD 965-4236).

MGPL CD-ROM Collection

Americans in Space
Anno's Learning Games
Barron's Complete Book Notes
Beethoven's Symphony No. 9
Better Homes & Gardens Cool Crafts
Better Homes & Gardens Healthy Cooking
A Brief History of Time
Clip Art Library
The Dead Sea Scrolls Revealed
Microsoft Art Gallery
Microsoft Bookshelf 95
Microsoft Dinosaurs
Microsoft Encarta 95
Kidpix Studio
My First Incredible Amazing Dictionary
The New Family Bible
Oregon Trail II
PharmAssist
Reader Rabbit 1, 2, and 3
Sammy's Science House
Select Phone
Small Blue Planet
Sim City 2000
Space Shuttle
Street Atlas USA
The Way Things Work
Where in the USA is Carmen San Diego?
Your Personal Trainer for the SAT.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

The Library is closed Nov. 23, Dec. 24, 25, 31.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

November			
11/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
11/10	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
11/13	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 6:30	Feature Film: *Apollo 13* PG-13 (140 min)
11/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/15	We	7:30	Healthy Holiday Eating
11/16	Th	6:45	Family Reading Night
11/18	Sa	2:00	Children's Author: Arlene Erlbach
11/19	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture
11/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/23	Th	Library Closed for Thanksgiving	
11/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/28	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group
December			
12/4	Mo	7:00	Holiday Stress (held at MG Park District)
12/5	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/6	We	7:00	Freddie Fischer & the Schnickelfritzers
12/8	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
12/11	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Beyond Rangoon* (100 min)
12/12	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
12/19	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/24	Su	Library Closed for Christmas Eve	
12/25	Mo	Library Closed for Christmas	
12/26	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/31	Su	Library Closed for New Year's Eve	

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call 708-965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Programs

November

R.E.A.D. (Read Each And every Day) Month in celebration of **Children's Book Week (11/12 - 18)** and **Family Reading Night (11/16).** Get the whole family together to play R.E.A.D. bingo. Be the first family to complete your bingo and win a prize. Pick up a R.E.A.D. bingo playing card at the Library. See page 3, *Kids Programs*, for additional activities.

Lyric Opera Lecture – Dr. Thomas Brown, Professor of Music from DePaul University, previews Mozart's masterpiece, *Don Giovanni.* **Sun. 11/19 2:00 p.m.**

Healthy Holiday Eating – The high-fat, high-cholesterol season is fast approaching. Andrea Huijgens-Pack, a Registered Dietitian with Rush North Shore Medical Center, provides recipes with low-fat alternatives to help you make it through the holidays without gaining those unwanted extra pounds. Co-sponsored with the Morton Grove Park District. Call Rush to register,708- 933-6000. **Wed. 11/15 at 7:30 p.m.**

December

Holiday Stress – Stress and anxiety multiply during the holidays. Learn ways to cope with the additional challenges these events bring. Co-sponsored with the Morton Grove Park District. **Please note: This program will be held at the Park District.** Call Rush North Shore to register, 933-6000. **Mon. 12/4 at 7:00 p.m.**

Freddie Fischer & his Schnickelfritzers – Violinist and MG resident, Freddie Fischer, returns for a holiday program full of fun and schnickelfritzer, or "merry making." **Wed. 12/6 at 7:00p.m.**

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every **Tuesday at 11:30 am**, the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1 1/2 hours of videos. Bring a brown-bag lunch and join us for a friendly and interesting mealtime.

New Book Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the Library by attending the monthly New Book Showcase previewing the Library's latest acquisitions. **Fri. 11/10 and 12/8 at 10:00.**

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Tues. 11/28** to discuss ***The House of Mirth*** by Edith Wharton, as well as upcoming titles for the new year. Bring your suggestions to the November meeting. The group will not meet during December. Roberta Johnson leads the group which now meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.**

Films

November

Apollo 13 PG – 13 (140 min) Cmdr. Jim Lovell (Tom Hanks) leads the rescue of NASA's third moon mission in this Ron Howard film. **Free tickets, limited to two per person, will be distributed one hour prior to each showing on a first-come, first-serve basis.** Please note: Due to the length of this film, the final showing time has been changed.
Mon. 11/13, 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

December

Beyond Rangoon R (100 min) Laura (Patricia Arquette) is an American doctor running from grief after the murder of her husband and son. During a stopover in Burma, she can't find her passport, and Laura finds herself caught in the country's civil war. **Mon. 12/11 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Kids Programs

Celebrate Family Reading Night at Berenstain Bears Picnic

Stan & Jan Berenstain are the November Author (s)-of-the-Month. Any child age 3-kindergarten and his or her parent are invited for refreshments as we hold an indoor Berenstain Bears picnic for **Family Reading Night, Thursday, November 16 at 6:45 p.m.** We'll be reading aloud and playing games.

Throughout the month of November, read Berenstain Bears books to qualify for tickets for our BB raffle. Also complete gamesheets available in the Children's Room for extra raffle tickets. Prizes include a stuffed Berenstain Bear and 1996 BB calendars.

Join the fun, read with your family and have a terrific picnic on a chilly November evening. We won' t invite the ants to this picnic!

Author-of-the-Month Continues in 1996

January: Zoo Parade
(animal picture books)
February: African-American authors
March: Dr. Seuss
April: Beverly Cleary

Arlene and Charlie

Local Author Answers Questions

Children are invited to meet author and Morton Grove resident, Arlene Erlbach, in person on **Saturday, 11/18 at 2 p.m.** in the Children's Department.

Ms. Erlbach is the author of 21 books, both fiction and non-fiction. Four paperback titles: *The Herbie Hummerston Homework Haters' Club, The Best Friends Book, Peanut Butter,* and *Soda Pop* will be available for sale. Children are asked to submit questions for Ms. Erlbach at the Children's Desk after November 1. Don't be shy! This is your chance to ask an author anything you want.

Ms. Erlbach says she has done research for some of her books at MGPL. What a great place to start!

Revolting Recipes Pretty Tasty

The dinnertime menu for the Dahlicious party Sept. 30 was a little unusual: fresh mudburgers and snozzcumbers with Willy Wonka's Nutty Crunch Surprise. About 40 children and parents dared to try the "treats" made from the cookbook, *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes* .

Children's Classes

Winter session begins January 8. Registration starts Dec. 11 for Morton Grove residents and Dec. 18 for non-residents.

Phone registration for classes will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Videos Give Parents Practical Help

Since children don't come with instruction manuals, several new parenting videos are worth borrowing from the Library.

Family Counseling Service of Evanston has provided the Library with nine videos which cover alternatives to corporal punishment, breaking the cycle of child abuse, resisting sexual abuse, and avoiding domestic violence.

All the videos have a bright orange sticker marked ,"Caring for Kids," the name of the campaign to give parents practical help. Titles include: *Two Million Women; A Time to Tell; It Happened to Me; Dr. T. Berry Brazelton's Touchpoint Series (3 videos); Breaking the Cycle: Child Abuse; But Names Can Hurt Forever; Shaking, Hitting & Spanking: What to Do Instead.*

These videos are available for check out free of charge. Additional titles are available at the following public libraries: Evanston, Licolnwood, Niles, Skokie. The Video Adventure store at 1926 Central in Evanston is also participating in this program.

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Reference Round-up

The recent best seller, ***The Beardstown Ladies Common Sense Investment Guide,*** made it clear to the world that people everywhere are interested in monitoring their investments. The financial world is full of newsletters that dispense advice on all aspects of investing. Newsletters are shelved in the Business Reference Collection located in the Reference Room. Bring in your portfolio and take a look at:

Hulbert Financial Digest, published monthly, rates the performance of newsletters and profiles several in each issue. ***The Prudent Speculator***, a monthly publication is based on editor Al Franks' personal portfolio with a conservative approach to investing. ***Mutual Fund Forecaster***, a monthly publication covers load and no-load mutual funds and assigns risk categories to specific funds. ***Donoghue's Moneyletter***, issued twice monthly, looks at the world of money markets and money market mutual funds.

Morningstar Investor, not to be confused with the mutual fund reporting service, published monthly, appraises the top mutual funds and mutual fund companies. ***Zweig Forecast***, published every three weeks, provides an academic approach to finance from Marty Zweig's unique short-term perspective. ***Standard and Poors Outlook***, published weekly, is one of the longest lived newsletters that offers portfolio advice and rankings of stocks. ***Kiplinger Washington Letter***, while not exactly an investment newsletter, is a weekly digest of business activites worldwide and the impact of government as felt by the business community.

The Reference librarians will be happy to point you toward ***Value Line***, ***Standard and Poors Stock Reports***, and other useful resources in the Business Reference Collection.

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